

All Staff Email

Safeguarding children and young people is a national priority of the Y and we pride ourselves on our collective and national approach. We also pride ourselves on the individual actions of our frontline Y People who put our commitment to children and young people into practice every day.

But frontline Y People are not expected to do this alone! At the Y, all Y People are supported by their the Y Bundaberg's Safeguarding Lead as well as the national Y Safeguarding Team.

Tricia Cross, as The Bundaberg Y's Youth Services Manager, works in partnership with the national Y Safeguarding Team below to help you understand your responsibilities to empower children and young people to feel safe and be safe at the Y, in their families and in their communities.



As our Member Y's Safeguarding Lead, Tricia represents The Y Bundaberg on the national Safeguarding Consultative Group (SCG) and provides insight into the unique services and programs of the Y Bundaberg. This supports a truly national approach by informing the development of Australia-wide benchmarks for safeguarding risk management and continuous improvement.

Tricia can be contacted by calling **07 4132 8225/0439728589** or emailing ***BundyYouth.Coord@ymcabundaberg.org.au***

The national Y Safeguarding team is also resource for **all** Bundaberg Y's staff and volunteers and is here to help our Y People to collectively grow in their ability to protect children and young people.

The team has developed the National Safeguarding Strategy, Framework, Policy, Licensing Standards and National Safeguarding Guidance as informed by feedback and advice from our frontline Y People as well as the collective expertise of the SCG. These can all be found at ymca.org.au/safe



The team is also here to hear suggestions from all Y People on how we can all help each other to improve our resources, training and support for frontline staff and volunteers nationally.

"If you are ever unsure of where you fit in the national Safeguarding Framework and Strategy- or are unsure what safeguarding means in your role, refer to our National Safeguarding Guidance at ymca.org.au/safe or get in touch with us by emailing safe@the-y.org.au – we are looking forward to hearing from you!" *Y Safeguarding Team*